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## Articles

**Developmental dysplasia of the hip in infants and children**  
**BMJ, 383, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

**The inbetweeners: a review of the transition from child into adult care for young people with chronic health conditions**

**British Journal of Hospital Medicine, Ahead of Print**

The National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death reviewed the barriers and facilitators in the process of the transition of children and young people with chronic health conditions into adult health services.

**Twelve barriers preventing child sexual abuse disclosures**

**British Journal of Child Health Vol. 4, No. 6 pp. 299-300**

Twelve barriers that prevent young people from disclosing sexual abuse and four factors that help them, have been identified by researchers.

**Poverty could be behind rise in infant and child mortality rates**

**British Journal of Child Health Vol. 4, No. 6 pp. 268-269**

Deaths in children in England are on the rise according to new data from the National Child Mortality Database. Poverty could be one of the major factors behind this increase.

**Is this normal, doctor? Ten normal variants in infancy**

**Paediatrics and Child Health, 2024-02-01, 34, 2, pp. 74-77**

This short article provides essential guidance for those new to paediatric outpatients or those less familiar with providing advice and guidance to worried parents.

**A practical approach to the assessment of the external genitalia in boys**

**Paediatrics and Child Health, 2024-02-01, 34, 2, pp.57-62**

This short article is aimed at paediatricians and healthcare professionals who might be the first point of contact for families with concerns about penis size. It offers advice about assessment and provides guidance about when onward referral is required.



**End-of-life care for children: making it possible to die at home**

**Nursing Times, 120, 2 2024**

A children's community nursing team collaborated with an adult palliative care urgent-response service to provide 24-hour care. This initiative won the Children's Services category in the 2023 Nursing Times Awards

**Health care-associated infections in neonatology**

**Annals of Paediatrics (Anales de Pediatría, English Edition), 2024-01-01, 100, 1, pp.46-56**

This document aims to standardise the definitions for the most frequent health care-associated infections, such as catheter-associated bloodstream infection, ventilator-associated pneumonia and surgical wound infection, as well as the approach to their diagnosis and treatment.

**The puppet interview to measure illness perceptions in paediatric oncology: development and psychometric properties in acute treatment and follow-up care**

**BMC Pediatrics (2024) 24:112 pp. 1-17**

We aim to describe the development (incl. indication and contraindication) of an innovative puppet interview to assess illness perceptions in children with cancer from the age of four years. Moreover, we investigate longitudinal trajectories and examine psychometric properties.

**[Children and young people's mental health: policy and services \(England\)](#)**

This briefing looks at how children and young people's mental health services in England work and sets out relevant Government policy and statistics.

**Improving the mental health of babies, children and young people: a framework of modifiable factors**

**Department of Health & Social care, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/improving-the-mental-health-of-babies-children-and-young-people/improving-the-mental-health-of-babies-children-and-young-people-a-framework-of-modifiable-factors>**

**Twist and Shout**

**[Ref.-445-Child-Health-Testicular-Torsion-Report\\_FINAL.pdf \(hqip.org.uk\)](#)**

A review of the pathway and quality of care provided to children and young people aged 2-24 years who presented to hospital with testicular torsion

The National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death. 2024 London

**The Royal Marsden Manual Online**

The **[Royal Marsden Manual Online](#)** is available to all NHS Staff with an NHS Open Athens account. If you do not have a NHS OpenAthens account then you can self-register for one at: **<https://openathens.nice.org.uk/>**

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